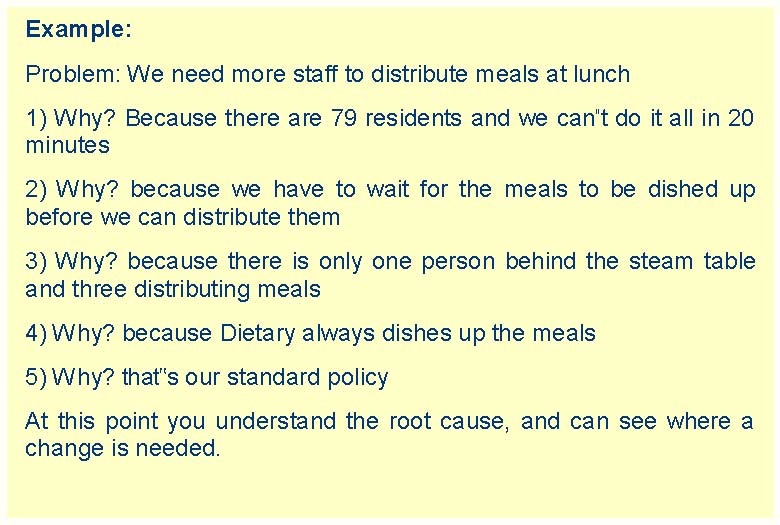
**5-Whys Guide & Template**

The 5-Whys is a simple brainstorming tool that can help teachers and students identify the root cause(s) of a problem or the reasons/rationale for complying with classroom processes. Asking the 5-Whys allows all parties to move beyond obvious answers and reflect on less obvious rationales, explanations, or causes.

**Step-by-step instructions**

1. State the issue you have identified as a strategic problem to work on.



1. Start asking “why” related to the problem. Like an inquisitive toddler, keep asking why in response to each suggested cause.

1. Ask as many whys as you need in order to get insight at a level that can be addressed (asking five times is typical). You will know you have reached your final „why‟ because it does not make logical sense to ask why again.

By the time you get to the 4th or 5th why, you will likely be looking squarely at the true explanation or rationale for certain practices/phenomena (more than five whys may be required for complex problems).

**5 Whys Template**

Hints |

You don’t want to list 5 different reasons; you want to go deep. on 1 reason.

Define the Problem (i.e. why do we need rules):

Why is it.. OR Why do we need…?

**Action:**

5.

Cautions |

* If your last answer is something you can’t control, go back up to the previous answer;
* Answers cannot because of a person

Why is that?

Why is that?

Why is that?

Why is that?

3.

1.

4.

2.